

and spans 11 acres. Since 1998, Coach Chow's gym maintains a steadfast philosophy of hard work mixed with fun, which emphasizes the journey just as much as the destination. It is in his gym and through his philosophy that Liang Chow has become an international name by coaching American gymnastic icons like Shawn Johnson and Gabby Douglas to Olympic gold.

Mr. Speaker, Coach Chow's contribution to gymnastics and to Iowa cannot be understated. His unwavering commitment to his dreams and the dreams of his students truly embodies Iowa's spirit. I know all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Coach Chow on his stellar career, and I wish him the best of luck in the future as he continues to proudly represent the best of America and her heartland.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, due to my primary election I was detained from voting on Thursday, August 2, 2012. If present, I would have voted "yea" on the following rollcall votes: Rollcall 550, rollcall 551, rollcall 553, rollcall 555.

I would have voted "nay" on the following rollcall votes: Rollcall 549, rollcall 552, rollcall 554, rollcall 556.

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#### COMMEMORATING IFSTL FOR ITS ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY IN FIGHTING TO INCREASE GLOBAL FOOD SAFETY STANDARDS

### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the one-year anniversary of the International Food Safety Training Laboratory (IFSTL) at the University of Maryland. This ground-breaking public-private-academic partnership puts to work government, university and private industry resources to expand the capacity of food safety scientists globally.

The global food trade has soared over the past two decades. Increasing public demand for international foods has resulted in global food exports exceeding \$1 trillion per year. With changing regulations and technologies coupled with shrinking budgets from tough economic conditions, assuring food safety has become a growing challenge.

We know how important it is for our food supply to be 100% safe. Americans need confidence that the food they provide their families is free of contamination. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has a big job to do, and the recent Food Safety Modernization Act will help them protect our food supply. But even with the added protections afforded by this law, the FDA still can't respond to the hundreds of requests from foreign governments to train their officials on U.S. regulatory

standards and requirements. And the best way to ensure food safety is make sure the food is safe before it reaches our borders.

The IFSTL greatly assists the FDA by training food safety scientists from around the world on the best food safety practices. They learn how to better detect food borne contamination and what they have to do to meet U.S. regulatory standards. This training will enable governments and food manufacturers to more easily detect contaminated food at farms, ports and manufacturing plants and it will increase compliance with food regulations. Over time, this will make food safer when it reaches our tables.

The IFSTL also creates permanent channels of communication between food regulators and producers from around the world, allowing them to work together to identify and resolve food safety challenges. This supports trade between countries and enables food safety standards to rise across the board.

I am proud to join IFSTL in celebrating their first of many anniversaries. I thank them for their work and commend their partners that have helped: the University of Maryland, the Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, the FDA, and Waters Corporation. Thank you.

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#### HONORING MR. HERBERT M. SACHS

### HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Herbert M. Sachs for over fifty years of dedicated service to Maryland and his longstanding commitment to protecting and improving our region's water resources. In the countless water resource management projects he led to success, Mr. Sachs has made an indelible mark on our state and his efforts will have an enormous impact that will benefit us for many years to come.

From the beginning of his career, Mr. Sachs has been a true leader in solving environmental and natural resource issues in Maryland. In the early 1960s, Mr. Sachs played a critical role in creating and directing both the Maryland Department of Water Resources and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. For more than 40 years, he served in various positions at the Maryland Department of Planning as well as Director of the Water Resources Administration and Assistant Secretary at the Department of Natural Resources, overseeing efforts related to water pollution control, water resources management, wastewater treatment and flood control.

Mr. Sachs' model for success is distinguished by the integration and collaboration of all stakeholders. While serving as the Executive Director of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin from 1992 until 1997, Mr. Sachs supervised efforts related to the coordination of water supply and activities between Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Washington, DC. In 1998 he returned to the State of Maryland at the Maryland Department of the Environment where he worked on the Coastal Bay Restoration Program, the Susquehanna River Basin

Commission, the Patuxent River Commission and the Potomac River Basin, among others. In each position, Mr. Sachs applied his unparalleled knowledge and his spirit for team work to ensure that our water sources in the Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River Basin are preserved and protected.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Sachs has been recognized for his expertise, his passion and his good nature. He is a thoughtful leader who strives to find new and creative ways to solve problems and give back to his community. Mr. Sachs' dedication to the State of Maryland and to the conservation of our water resources is commendable and I thank him for his many years of outstanding service as well as for his visionary leadership and dedication to improving the environment.

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#### IN HONOR OF FRED AND JAKKI NANCE

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Fred and Jakki Nance who are the recipients of the 2012 Pan Award at Cleveland Public Theatre's Pandemonium 2012: House of Dreams Gala.

Founded in 1981 by James Levin, the Cleveland Public Theatre is an arts complex located in Cleveland's Detroit-Shoreway neighborhood. The Cleveland Public Theatre is recognized for shows that are often progressive, political, and provocative. It also serves the area's urban youth and homeless through educational programs. Cleveland Public Theatre's mission is to raise consciousness and nurture compassion through ground-breaking performances and life-changing educational programs.

Both Fred and Jakki Nance have long histories of community involvement and have committed their lives to improving Northeast Ohio. Jakki is a board member for the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame & Museum, Union Club, Laurel School and the Thomas Moyer Judicial Center and Foundation. She is the president of Philanthropic Solutions and has already been a leader with the LeBron James Family Foundation, Cleveland Browns Foundation and Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Fred Nance currently serves on the boards of the Cleveland Clinic, Greater Cleveland Partnership, The Cleveland Foundation and RPM International Inc. He has also been a board member for the Cleveland Museum of Art, BioEnterprise Inc. and the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland Foundation. He is integral in the leadership of the Ohio Business Roundtable and the 50 Club of Cleveland.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Fred and Jakki Nance who, because of their contributions to the community, are the winners of the 2012 Pan Award.